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*VHSL Student Congress Legislation 2019-20*
Docket A: Domestic Bill 7166
A Bill to Reclassify Fentanyl to a Schedule I Drug

Be it enacted,

Line01:
Line02: Article I: The United States Federal Drug Administration shall reassign the status
Line03: of Fentanyl to Schedule I status and ban its use in the pharmaceutical market
Line04: and doctor’s offices in order to decrease the risk of opioid addiction after
Line05: prescription use in light of the opioid epidemic.
Line06:
Line07: Article II: Fentanyl is the most powerful opiate based painkiller cleared for legal
Line08: pharmaceutical distribution. Eighty percent of people addicted to opioids become
Line09: addicted after being prescribed an opiate based prescription.
Line10:
Line11: Article III: This bill will be implemented in January 2021.
Line12:
Line13: Article IV: The Federal Drug Administration shall be responsible for overseeing
Line14: the provisions of this bill.
Line15:
Line16: Article V: All laws and policies in conflict with new law are hereby deemed null
Line17: and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Zoe Broderick
James River High School
on 2/13/2020 4:51:39 PM
Docket A: Economic Bill 5683
A Bill To Increase Funding For The Consumer Product Safety Commission Agency

Be it enacted,

Line01: Article I: The United States Consumer Product Safety Commission shall be
Line02: granted a 20% increase in funding.
Line03: Article II: This bill will be for the fulfillment of its extensive mission to protect
Line04: the public from defective and dangerous consumer products.
Line05: Article III: This plan will be implemented immediately upon passage.
Line06: Article IV: The U.S. Department of Treasury will oversee the passing of this bill.
Line07: Article V: All laws and policies in conflict with the new law
Line08: are deemed null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Alyssia Nicholson
James River High School
on 2/13/2020 4:52:44 PM
Docket A: Domestic Bill 2492

A Bill to Ban Single-Use Plastics

Be it enacted,

   Article I: The United States shall ban all single-use plastics from being sold and all single-use plastic products being made within the United States.

   Article II: A single-use plastic, also known as disposable plastics, is a plastic item intended to be used only once before being thrown away or recycled. These include, but are not limited to, grocery bags, food packaging, bottles, straws, containers, cups and cutlery.

   Article III: This plan will be implemented 1 year after its passage to allow companies to redirect their efforts, and to accommodate rapid climate change.

   Article IV: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will oversee the passing of this bill, and they shall fine any who oppose this bill $500,000 every month until they cease selling and producing the product.

   Article V: All laws and policies in conflict with the new law are hereby deemed null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Rowan Sharma
James River High School
on 2/13/2020 4:52:45 PM
Docket A: Virginia Bill 7174
A Bill To Enact Year Round Schooling Across Virginia

Be it enacted,

Line01:
Line02: Article I: The Virginia schooling system shall extend the school year to run
Line03: through June, July, and August on a multi-track system.
Line04:
Line05: Article II: This extension will have fifteen day breaks and the end of each 45 day
Line06: period that would continue to result in a 180 day school year. A multi-track
Line07: system is defined as a cycle of splitting the student body and the staff into
Line08: multiple groups (ranging from 4 to 5) where most of the groups are in school for a
Line09: period of time while one other group is on break.
Line10:
Line11: Article III: The provisions of this bill shall take effect in September 2020.
Line12:
Line13: Article IV: This plan will be implemented by the U.S Department of Education.
Line14:
Line15: Article V: All laws and policies in conflict with new law are hereby deemed null
Line16: and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Ty Redmond
James River High School
on 2/13/2020 4:55:14 PM
Docket A: International Resolution 2466

A Resolution to Increase US Influence in Bolivia

Be it resolved,

Line 00: Be it resolved
Line01: 
Line02: Whereas relations between the United States and Bolivia have been steadily
Line03: deteriorating over the past decade; and
Line04: 
Line05: Whereas Bolivia has attempted to exit the United States sphere of influence and
Line06: its people have suffered as a result; and
Line07: 
Line 08: Whereas increasing American influence will be accomplished through
Line09: reinstating trade deals and aiding political candidates who support rebuilding,
Line10: relations now, therefore, be it
Line11: 
Line12: Resolved that the student congress here assembled move to increase the
Line13: influence of the United States in Bolivia in order to benefit the citizens of both
Line 14:nations.
Respectfully Submitted,
Alex Winch
James River High School

Respectfully Submitted By:
Senator Alex Winch
James River High School
on 2/17/2020 10:54:22 AM
Docket A: Virginia Bill 0666
A Bill to Enact Year Round Schooling

Be it enacted,

SECTION 1. The School Schedule for Virginia will be changed to a standard year round schedule.
SECTION 2. A year round school schedule has 15 days of fall, spring and winter breaks, a 3 day thanksgiving break and a 30 day summer break.
SECTION 3. The VA Department of Education would oversee this bill.
SECTION 4. This law will go into effect by July 1st, 2020
SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Evan Dyer
Cosby
on 2/18/2020 12:48:33 PM
Docket A: Domestic Bill 4444
A Bill to Reverse Changes Made to the Endangered Species Act to Prevent Extinction of Species in the United States

Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1: The changes made to the Endangered Species Act in 2019 will be
Line 02: reversed, returning the law to its status upon passage in 1973.
Line 03:
Line 04: SECTION 2: The Endangered Species Act refers to the law passed in 1973 allowing
Line 05: species within the United States to be labeled as endangered and then requiring
Line 06: those species to be protected, in addition to other specific protections regarding
Line 07: transport, custody, harvest, and trade of endangered species.
Line 08:
Line 09: SECTION 3: The United States Fish and Wildlife Service will oversee the
Line 10: enforcement of this bill.
Line 11:
Line 12: SECTION 4: The provisions of this bill are to go into effect immediately upon
Line 13: passage.
Line 14:
Line 15: SECTION 5: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
Line 16: void.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Sadie Bilenkin
Cosby High School
on 2/18/2020 1:02:47 PM
Docket A: Economic Bill 3690
A Bill to Ban All Flavored Single Use Vapes

Be it enacted,

Line 01: All flavored single use vapes should be banned, with the exceptions of menthol and tobacco flavors.
Line 02: A single use vape is defined as vape pens that do not have rechargeable batteries, which means that once the extract is gone, the user can simply throw away the pen and purchase a new one.
Line 03: The Department of Health and Human Resources will oversee this bill.
Line 04: This bill will go into effect on April 1st.
Line 05: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Ryan Niermann
Cosby High School
on 2/19/2020 9:29:25 AM
Docket A: Economic Resolution 0007

A Resolution to give more power to the Federal trade commission to fight anti-competitive behavior

Be it resolved,

Line 01: Whereas: Entrepreneurship has decreased because of the domination of
Line 02: corporate entities; and
Line 03:
Line 04: Whereas: The decrease in entrepreneurship has led to the decline in product
Line 05: competition and capitalistic activity that benefits consumers; and
Line 06:
Line 07: Whereas: The decline of such activities has the potential to lead to price fixing
Line 08: which can damage the national economy; and
Line 09:
Line 10: Whereas: It is the government’s job to protect the economy that the lives of
Line 11: those who live in the United States of America are dependent on.
Line 12:
Line 13: Therefore: Be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that the
Line 14: powers of the Federal Trade Commission be increased to prevent
Line 15: corporate consolidation.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Bandhavi Surisetty
Cosby High School
on 2/26/2020 9:31:13 AM
Docket A: Virginia Bill 0007

Minimum Options for Public Utilities

Be it enacted,

Line 01: In Virginia, in each county or city with a population greater than 40,000,

Line 02: citizens must have at least two options as suppliers for their public utility
Line 03: of electricity, in order to maintain quality control and eliminate monopolies.
Line 04: Whereas, population will be determined by data collected yearly
Line 05 by the demographers at the Weldon Cooper Center,
Line 06: housed at the University of Virginia,
Line 07: and updated in terms of this bill’s requirements every 5 years.

Line 08: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Trinatee Huff
Landstown High School
on 2/27/2020 11:28:41 AM
Docket A: Virginia Resolution 1717

A Resolution to Maintain the Provisions of the Clean Water Act

Be it resolved,

Line 01: WHEREAS, The current federal Clean Water Act (CWA) is beneficial
Line 02: to the preservation of Virginia’s drinking water sources; and
Line 03: WHEREAS, The primary goal of the CWA is to restore and maintain the
Line 04: integrity of the nation’s waters; and
Line 05: WHEREAS, Ground and surface water in the state of Virginia is at risk
Line 06: for pollution and depletion; and
Line 07: WHEREAS, Various industrial processes such as fracking pose a
Line 08: significant threat to the state’s Water supply; and
Line 09: WHEREAS, The repeal of the CWA removes regulations on chemical
Line 10: pollution and chemical usage near drinking water sources; therefore,
Line 11: be it
Line 12: RESOLVED By Congress here assembled that the provisions of the Clean
Line 13: Water Act shall not be diminished in the state of Virginia.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Kayleigh Couch
James River High School
on 2/27/2020 4:53:36 PM
Docket A: Domestic Bill 2007
A Bill to Mandate Drug and Test Data Release

Be it enacted,

Line 01: Section 1. The release of all available data regarding drugs and tests under the
Line 02: Emergency Use Authorization shall be mandated
Line 03: Section 2. Emergency Use Authorization allows the FDA to facilitate the
Line 04: availability and use of MCMs needed during public health emergencies.
Line 05: Section 3. The FDA will oversee the enforcement of the bill along with the
Line 06: specific enforcement mechanism.
Line 07: Section 4. This legislation shall be enacted immediately after passage.
Line 08: Section 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Senator Angelie Miranda
Grassfield High School
on 2/28/2020 1:14:33 PM
Docket A: Virginia Bill 2008

Bill to Modify the School Calendar

Be it enacted,

Line 01: ARTICLE I New school years will hereby start after Labor Day weekend in September
Line 02: in each public school district, with the exception of an approved waiver.
Line 03: ARTICLE II A “school year” shall be defined as the period of time in which traditional
Line 04: K-12 students (and pre-school if applicable) complete one grade; this is typically
Line 05: around nine months.
Line 06: ARTICLE III This bill will be overseen by the Virginia Department of Education.
Line 07: ARTICLE IV This legislation will take into effect by August 1, 2021.
Line 08: ARTICLE V All laws in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Senator Ava Hobbs
Grassfield High School
on 2/28/2020 1:17:41 PM
Docket A: International Bill 2009

The Militant Expulsion And Training (MEAT) Act

Be it enacted,

Line 01: Section 1. The United States shall henceforth and immediately cease the training
Line 02: of foreign military nationals in jurisdiction falling under the control of the United
Line 03: States of America.
Line 04: Section 2. Foreign Military Nationals - shall be defined as men and women owing
Line 05: allegiance to the Armed Forces of a foreign power trained within the United States;
Line 06: and shall be extended to those working in opposition to foreign regimes.
Line 07: Section 3. The United States Defense Department shall be tasked with enforcing the
Line 08: stipulations of the MEAT Act. Additionally, the US State Department should be
Line 09: employed to mollify state relations in the event tensions rise.
Line 10: Section 4. This bill will take effect on the date April 1, 2020.
Line 11: Section 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null & void.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Senator Christopher Tatum
Grassfield High School
on 2/28/2020 1:20:39 PM
Docket A: Domestic Bill 2010

A Bill to Conserve Habitats

Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1. The United States government will enact habitat protection laws to ensure wildlife conservation.
Line 02: SECTION 2. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service will monitor wildlife activity to ensure conservation of natural animal habitats and ecosystems.
Line 03: SECTION 3. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service will enact this bill.
Line 04: SECTION 4. This bill will be officially enacted on December 31st of this year.
Line 05: SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Hannah Munley
Grassfield High School
on 2/28/2020 1:23:33 PM
Docket A: Domestic Bill 2011
A Bill to End Corporate Consolidation

Be it enacted,

Line 01: Article I: Mergers and acquisitions shall be entirely prohibited for companies that
Line 02: make more than $1,000,000 a year in sales.
Line 03: Article II: A merger is defined as the joining of two companies into one.
Line 04: Article III: An acquisition is defined as one company being bought out absorbed into
Line 05: another.
Line 06: Article IV: The U.S. Department of Justice will overlook the enforcement of this bill.
Line 07: Article V: This bill will go into effect six months after passage.
Line 08: Article VI: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Senator John Spirpoulos
Grassfield High School
on 2/28/2020 1:26:35 PM
**Docket A: Economic Resolution 2012**

*A RESOLUTION TO ENFORCE CURRENT LEGISLATION REGARDING CORPORATE CONSOLIDATION*

Be it resolved,

Line 01: I. WHEREAS corporations often buy each other out to remove competition and
Line 02: increase profit for themselves;
Line 03: II. WHEREAS legislation such as the Sherman Antitrust Act exists to prevent
Line 04: excessive corporate consolidation, and the Clayton Antitrust Act exists to define
Line 05: unethical business practices and to uphold rights of workers;
Line 06: III. WHEREAS corporations can legally be broken up when they become monopolies;
Line 07: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this student congress that current legislation
Line 08: exists to prevent corporate consolidation and new regulation on monopolies is not
Line 09: necessary, and current legislation should be more heavily enforced to avoid hurting
Line 10: business and expanding government unnecessarily.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Senator Sarah Neal
Grassfield High School
on 2/28/2020 1:31:04 PM
Docket A: Virginia Resolution 6456
A Resolution to Enact Year-Round Schools

Be it resolved,

Line 01: That whereas the current school scheduling system is sufficient but
Line 02: brings about many negatives;
Line 03: WHEREAS long summer breaks cause students to forget necessary
Line 04: information that is needed such as particular rules and methods;
Line 05: WHEREAS it is also known that students grow bored,
Line 06: depressed, unmotivated and lonely over long periods of time
Line 07: without any changing extra activity, which is not mentally healthy;
Line 08: WHEREAS the current school scheduling only provides summer
Line 09: vacation to plan family trips and limited time to plan them over
Line 10: shorter seasonal vacations, preventing family bonding experiences;
Line 11: WHEREAS long periods of constant work with only two day breaks
Line 12: cause students to grow tired and restless and unmotivated just as
Line 13: summer break does, which can affect grades and work quality;
Line 14: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this student congress that a
Line 15: 45/15 day year-round schedule is much more beneficial to students as
Line 16: long extended breaks without changing activity has shown only to
Line 17: provide little rest and cause more issues for students mentally and
Line 18: academically.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Milo Evans
Thomas Dale High School
on 2/28/2020 8:50:40 PM
Docket A: Domestic Resolution 6277
A Resolution to Increase Wildlife Protection for At-Risk Species

Be it resolved,

Line 01: that whereas one in five animal and plant species in the U.S. is at risk of
Line 02: extinction;
Line 03: WHEREAS species are disappearing at a rate that is 100 to 1,000 times
Line 04: higher than before humans were present;
Line 05: WHEREAS human causes such as deforestation, climate change, and
Line 06: over-hunting have led to the accelerated rate of extinction;
Line 07: WHEREAS among mammals, the population of all imperiled species is
Line 08: declining;
Line 09: WHEREAS the United States, along with the rest of the world, is
Line 10: undergoing a “sixth mass extinction”;
Line 11: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Student Congress that a
Line 12: new category of wildlife designation should be established to protect
Line 13: species that are at risk of becoming threatened or endangered.
Line 14: Such measures would allow conservationists to halt the decline of a
Line 15: particular species before such species becomes endangered and in need of
Line 16: Endangered Species Act protection.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Mar’Quon Frederick
Thomas Dale High School
on 2/28/2020 9:49:03 PM
Docket B: Domestic Bill 1999

A Bill to Implement new regulations on FDA drugs to reduce after-market issues

Be it enacted,

line 01: SECTION 1. In order to reduce the amount of after-market safety problems in fast line 02: tracked or accelerated approval medications and therapies, the FDA will increase line 03: after-trial monitoring and increasing regulations referring to trial testing to increase line 04: medical and ethical background diversity.
line 05:
line 06: SECTION 2. After-market safety problems are unforeseen issues with a drug that line 07: would require a warning label or recall
line 08:
line 09: SECTION 3. The FDA itself will oversee this process and any punishment line 10: necessary will be given through removal or suspension from fast tracked and line 11: accelerated programs deemed appropriate by the FDA director
line 12:
line 13: SECTION 4. This will be implemented by January 1st 2021
line 14: SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Keyshana Richard
Cosby High School
on 2/21/2020 3:28:26 PM
Docket B: Virginia Bill 4664
A Bill for Virginia to pay for the removal of Lead Pipes

Be it enacted,

Line 01:SECTION 1. The State of Virginia will now pay for all costs of removing plumbing
Line 02: made out of lead.
Line 03: SECTION 2. A Public Utility is defined as a business, that can be privately or
Line 04: publicly owned, that furnishes an everyday necessity to the public.
Line 05: Examples include providing water, electricity, natural gas,
Line 06: telephone service, and other essentials.
Line 06: SECTION 3. The Virginia Department of Health’s Office of Drinking Water will
Line 07: oversee this bill.
Line 08: SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect in May 2020.
Line 09: SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation
Line 10: are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Jaden Wright
Cosby HS
on 2/28/2020 9:24:05 AM
Docket B: International Resolution 3726

Resolution to Ensure Bolivia’s Democratic Stability

Be it resolved,

Line01: that whereas Bolivia holds presidential elections,
Line02: WHEREAS, A 24-hour delay occurred after ⅘ of all votes were counted, and
Line03: Evo Morales did not reach the minimum threshold to prevent a runoff.
Line04: WHEREAS, it was later revealed that Morales did break the threshold leading to
Line05: allegations of fraud and three weeks of protests across Bolivia.
Line06: WHEREAS, Evo Morales, claiming to be the victim of a right-wing coup,
Line07: resigned after the OAS reported irregularities in the election after the delay.
Line08: WHEREAS, Sen. Jeanine Áñez, a conservative part of the Democrat Social
Line09: Movement became the interim president after Morales and his allies resigned.
Line10: WHEREAS, Áñez said she was not going to run for president after her term ended,
Line11: but on January 24 2020 announced her candidacy for the May 5th elections,
Line12: sparking controversy and outrage.
Line13: THEREFORE, Be it resolved by this Congress that our OAS representative
Line14: recommend actions such as having guards at polling stations, reviewing the results
Line15: of elections as long as necessary, and incentivizing transparent and fair elections
Line16: by lowering taxes if the results are shown to be legitimate. All of these measures
Line17: will ensure that Bolivia stays a stable democratic nation.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Francis Torres-Cruz
Thomas Dale High School
on 2/28/2020 8:31:51 PM
Docket B: Domestic Resolution 8428
A Resolution to Increase the Efficiency and Accuracy of Assessment of the Food and Drug Administration

Be it resolved,

WHEREAS, in recent years, there have been errors and delays in the process of reviewing and approving drugs and medical devices by the FDA; and
WHEREAS, the estimated average cost for development of a new drug is above $400 million, about 29% of which is spent on FDA-required clinical trials, which contributes to high drug prices for consumers; and
WHEREAS, the FDA censors truthful claims about the curative, mitigative, or preventative effects of dietary supplements; and
WHEREAS, major deficiencies in the current FDA system for ensuring the safety of drugs on the American market lead to the approval of drugs with harmful side effects; and
WHEREAS, such legislation implemented on the national level would be very beneficial to public health across the country;
Wherefore, let it be RESOLVED by the Congress here assembled that we support the implementation of policy improving the efficiency and accuracy of the drug approval process of the FDA.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Victoria Dahman
Thomas Dale High School
on 2/28/2020 9:10:18 PM